

84TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 2405

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 5, 1955

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey introduced the following bill; which was read twice
and referred to the Committee on Labor and Public Welfare

A BILL

To provide for a Federal Advisory Council of Health in the
Executive Office of the President in accordance with the
recommendations of the Commission on Organization of the
Executive Branch of the Government.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That there is hereby established in the Executive Office of the
4 President a Federal Advisory Council of Health (herein-
5 after referred to as the "Council") to be composed of ——
6 persons who are members of the medical profession and
7 —— persons with distinguished records in fields other than
8 medicine, to be appointed by the President, and to hold
9 office at his pleasure. Each member of the Council shall

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1 receive \$50 per diem when engaged in the actual perform-
2 ance of his duties, plus reimbursement for travel, subsistence,
3 and other necessary expenses incurred by him in the per-
4 formance of such duties.

5 SEC. 2. (a) The Council shall—

6 First. Make a continuous evaluation of and recommenda-
7 tions as to policies and programs relating to Federal medical
8 care and national health.

9 Second. Advise on measures to assure adequate health
10 manpower and hospital facilities for the Nation's health.

11 Third. Review the various proposals and programs relat-
12 ing to hospital construction involving Federal funds, includ-
13 ing Federal grants.

14 Fourth. Advise with respect to the coordination of re-
15 gional hospital services of all departments and agencies in
16 the executive branch of the Government.

17 Fifth. Advise with respect to more systematic cross-
18 servicing between the various Federal medical agencies.

19 Sixth. Advise upon measures for the adequate training
20 and selection of the medical staffs of all Federal services.

21 Seventh. Advise the executive departments and agen-
22 cies on all Federal medical policies and programs.

23 Eighth. Advise the Selective Service System on the mo-
24 bilization of medical personnel.

1 Ninth. Advise concerning systems of project grants for
2 health research programs of the Federal Government.

3 Tenth. Report periodically to the President and to the
4 executive departments and agencies involved on the success
5 or failure of Federal health programs and policies.

6 Eleventh. Report to the President and advise the Bu-
7 reau of the Budget and the Congress with respect to such
8 matters as they may request.

9 Twelfth. Assist the Secretary of Defense to develop
10 recommendations for revision of the Selective Service Act,
11 as amended, so as to effect maximum utilization of medical
12 personnel.

13 Thirteenth. Advise the Administrator of the Veterans'
14 Administration with respect to recommendations for clos-
15 ing certain hospitals belonging to such Administration.

16 Fourteenth. Review the manner in which the hospital
17 facilities of the Veterans' Administration are being used
18 and make recommendations for the disposal or more eco-
19 nomic utilization of such facilities.

20 Fifteenth. Advise the President, or any committee
21 established or designated by him, with respect to the policies,
22 programs and operations of the Food and Drug Administra-
23 tion and the Agricultural Research Service in the Department
24 of Agriculture, with a view to eliminating those which are no

1 longer necessary under present conditions and eliminating
2 conflicts and overlapping of jurisdiction and functions between
3 departments.

4 Sixteenth. Make recommendations to improve pre-
5 ventive health services, including those rendered in con-
6 nection with medical care of Federal beneficiaries, in the
7 interests of both health conservation and long-range economy.

8 Seventeenth. Review and make recommendations to
9 the President with respect to the health research programs
10 of the Federal Government.

11 Eighteenth. Examine the means of establishing co-
12 operative planning among the Federal agencies which pro-
13 vide psychiatric care.

14 Nineteenth. Serve as consultant to the President's
15 adviser on personnel with respect to making more uniform
16 the personnel systems of the several Federal agencies using
17 health personnel.

18 (b) The Council is authorized to make such rules and
19 regulations as may be necessary to carry out its functions
20 under this Act.

21 SEC. 3. The head of each executive department and
22 independent establishment in the executive branch of the
23 Government is authorized and directed to cooperate with the
24 Council to the fullest practicable extent and to furnish the

1 Council with such information and data as it may from time
2 to time request.

3 SEC. 4. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated,
4 out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropri-
5 ated, such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provi-
6 sions of this Act.

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